

information, EPA agreed, in a letter from Mr. Costello to your attorney dated September 23, 2002, to provide you with additional time, until October 25, 2002, to respond to the Information Request.

We have now received an October 24, 2002, letter from Mr. Thomas G. Wilkinson, Parish Attorney, which purports to be a response to our August 22, 2002, Information Request; however, Mr. Wilkinson's letter does not reply for Jefferson Parish, but rather limits its responses just two Parish departments—the Department of Environmental Affairs, and the Department of Sewerage. Moreover, Mr. Wilkinson's letter, per its terms, is based solely on the knowledge of two individuals—Ms. Marnie Winter and Mr. Brett P. Todd, Directors of the Department of Environmental Affairs, and the Department of Sewerage, respectively. According to your website— www.jeffparish.net, there are approximately 34 departments in the Parish Government, with numerous employees. By limiting your response to the information gathered from the knowledge of just two individuals in two departments, it is clear to us that your response is artificially constrained.

Please do a more thorough job of canvassing your employees and officials as you respond to our Information Request (copy enclosed). Please also follow the instructions in our letter as you make your response. For example, please refer to the definitions of the various terms in our Information Request as you construct your answer, and please precede each answer with the question to which it responds (we have already provided Ms. Yenni with an electronic version of our Information Request so that this task is simplified).

If we do not receive a complete response to our Information Request within 21 days from the date of this letter, we may elect to take the action described in the first paragraph of this letter. Due to the ramifications of failure to completely respond to the Information Request, EPA strongly encourages you to submit your written response to EPA. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact EPA Enforcement Officer Ms. Barbara Aldridge, at (214) 665-2712, or your attorney may contact Mr. Costello at (214) 665-8045.

Sincerely yours,

Myron O. Knudson, P.E.
Director
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